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In re Application of:	)	
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 09/976,437	)	Examiner: S. Chunduru
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Filed: October 15, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 3932
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING NUCLEIC ACID BINDING PROTEINS AND ENZYME ACTIVITIES	)	**Mail Stop AF**

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2006.

Remarks responding to the rejections begin on page 2.